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AND PROCESSING MECHANISM

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Request is hereby made for the grant of a filing date for a continuation application, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d), of application Serial No. 09/238,821 filed January 28, 1999.

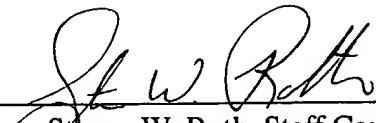
The use of the continued prosecution application procedure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) is hereby requested.

The title of invention and name(s) of applicant(s) of the prior application are as stated above in the caption. The correspondence address of the applicant(s) is shown below.

Entry of the amendment previously filed in the parent application on _____, 2000, under 37 CFR §1.116, but unentered, is hereby requested.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d), this request operates as a request to expressly abandon the prior parent application, currently Serial No. 09/238,821, and assign said serial number to the continued prosecution application, as of the filing date of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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